



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

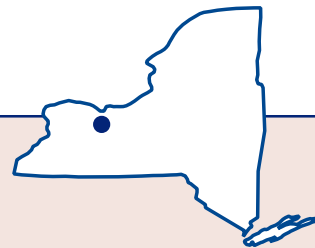
## *Rochester, NY*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Rochester was selected to receive assessment and cleanup grants. Rochester (population 219,773) is a federally designated Enterprise Community Zone and Renewal Community located near Lake Ontario in west New York State. The city estimates that 35 to 40 percent of its 5,200 manufacturing and commercial properties can be considered brownfields. Abandoned and underused sites have become magnets for illegal dumping, vandalism, and drug activity. Grant funds will be used in blighted, low-income neighborhoods where brownfields have a disproportionately negative impact on the community. The poverty rate in the neighborhoods targeted for the cleanup grants ranges from 18 percent to 28 percent. Thirty-five percent of residents of the neighborhood adjacent to the targeted sites live below the poverty level. Minorities comprise 52 percent of the population of Rochester. The city hopes that the assessment, cleanup, and eventual



### Assessment Grant

**New  
2003**

*\$200,000 for hazardous substances  
\$80,000 for petroleum*

EPA has selected the City of Rochester for a brownfields assessment grant. The city intends to use grant funds to conduct assessment activities at an abandoned collision shop potentially contaminated with hazardous substances and a former gas station where petroleum contamination is suspected. Grant funds will also be used to replenish and sustain the city's Brownfields Assistance and institutional controls programs.

### Cleanup Grants

*\$400,000 for petroleum*

EPA has selected the City of Rochester for two cleanup grants totaling \$400,000. The city will use one of the grants to clean up three former gasoline stations and the other to clean up two petroleum-contaminated acres on Charlotte Street in downtown Rochester. The city hopes to convert the gas stations into greenspace and the Charlotte Street site into new townhouse and loft residences.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at : [www.epa.gov/brownfields/](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/)

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Rochester has received brownfields funding for assessment and revolving loan fund grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

redevelopment of targeted brownfields will create jobs, attract new businesses, and increase open space.